

TALKING PAPER

ON

HAND SAFETY

- Air Force Statistics – FY11 – FY15
 - 1,800 mishaps with 1,803 injuries
 - Total injury cost - \$4,927,818
- AFI 91-203, *Air Force Consolidated Occupational Safety Instruction*, and 29 CFR 1910.138, *Hand Protection*
- Hand injuries result from excessive use or trauma
 - On-duty – 23 permanent or permanent partial disabilities
 - Off-duty – 43 permanent or permanent partial disabilities
- Trauma most common to fingers and most often work-related
 - Cuts, scrapes, strains and needle sticks
 - Caught in-between immovable objects
 - Sprains
 - Broken bones
 - Burns
 - Amputations
- Prevention Tools
 - Follow established guidance in AFI 91-203, manufacturer's instructions and local instructions
 - Ensure proper signage is posted within the shop area or on/near machinery, as required
 - Brief applicable hand safety guidance during daily safety briefings, as required
 - Wear required PPE, as required
- Eliminating hand injuries
 - Hand injuries cost the Air Force valuable resources, our Airmen, due to partial and permanent injuries
 - Mishaps are preventable
 - Properly trained
 - Adhere to published guidance
 - Wear proper PPE when needed/required